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**Former Irwindale Official Pleads
To Conflict of Interest**

Irwindale's former finance director was ordered to pay \$9,401 in restitution and fines after he pleaded no contest today to one count of conflict of interest for his role in spending city money on lavish trips to New York, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Abe De Dios, 69, also was ordered to complete 100 hours of community service by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor, who placed him on probation for three years.

In addition, Pastor sentenced De Dios to one year in county jail, but suspended the sentence as long as De Dios remains out of trouble while on probation.

As part of a negotiated plea, the felony charge was reduced to a misdemeanor because De Dios made full restitution and has already completed his community service, said Deputy District Attorney Kennes Ma with the Public Integrity Division.

Ma said De Dios traveled with three Irwindale council members to New York between 2001 and 2005, ostensibly to get a better bond rating for the city. Although De Dios never received reimbursement for the trips, he was charged with conflict of interest because he admitted that he was afraid of losing his job if he didn't reimburse the council members, Ma said.

In 2005, De Dios traveled with Councilmen Mark Breceda and Manuel Garcia and former councilwoman Rosemary Ramirez on two trips to New York that cost taxpayers a total of \$66,000.

Arrest is pending for co-defendants Breceda, Garcia and Ramirez because the case is on appeal.

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